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AND HER PARENTS DID... FOR AWHILE. FRANCINE'S STRENGTH WAS ABNORMAL, EASILY BRINGING A STIGMA ON AN IMPRESSIONABLE GIRL. ONE NIGHT, WHEN SHE... WAS SIXTEEN...

THAT WAS A SWELL MOVIE GIRLS... OKAY, BABES! HAND OVER YOUR PURSES!







THE NEXT MORNING REPORTERS AND ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE CAME TO SEE HER. HER NAME BECAME PUBLIC...HER LIFE, A MESS...

WHY ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ME? WHY
MUST THEY TORTURE ME THIS
WAY?

HER NEIGHBORS, BOYFRIENDS, TOTAL STRAN-GERS LOOKED AT HER ANEW! HERE WAS A NOVELTY... A GIRL OF ENORMOUS STRENGTH... SOMETHING TO BE ENVIED, MOCKED, HATED...!



AND TWO YEARS WENT BY... THE SMALL COMMUNITY OSTRACIZED HER! SHE WAS ALMOST SIX FEET TALL, AND WEIGHED 160

ALMOST SIX FEET TALL, AND WEIGHED 160
POUNDS...

I'M A FREAK, MOTHER!
WELL, IF THAT'S WHAT
I AM... THEN I WANT TO
GET PAID FOR IT!

AT FIRST THE O'CONNOR FAMILY WOULD NOT HEAR OF IT, BUT CONSTANT BICKERING FINALLY FORCED THEM TO YIELD...

NOW, YOU'RE YES, POPS! IT'S DON'T WORRY, BETTER THIS I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER!



THEN ONE DAY, SHE DECIDED TO FACE THE OUT-SIDE WORLD AGAIN ...

I'M YOUNG ... I GO WANT TO BE LIKE AHEAD ... BUT OTHERS, CHARLIE! I WANT MARRIAGE. YOU'LL BE A FAMILY! BACK!



SO SHE LEFT, CHANGED HER NAME, AND TOOK A CLERICAL POSITION. BUT HER STRENGTH COULDN'T BE HIDDEN FOR LONG ... T

wow! DO YOU LET'S SEE SEE WHAT IF SHE CAN BEAT ME IN AN I SEE? ARM-WRESTLE!



IT WAS THE SAME EVERYWHERE SHE WENT, HER CHILDHOOD HAD LEFT ITS MARK ... AND NOW SHE WAS BACK ...

WE'LL HAVE FIVE SPOTLIGHTS AND THREE BARKERS!



BUT FRANCINE WAS A GIRL IN LOVE, AND ... ONE NIGHT ON THE EXPRESS HIGHWAY, WHERE A MOTORIST HAD PARKED FOR A MOMENT'S REST ---

OKAY, BUD ... HAND WHAT IS THIS? OVER YOUR WALLET! HELP! I'M BEING ROBBED



SHE WAS DIFFERENT NOW ... GRIM, WITHDRAWN!

THEN SHE MET ART FAROLA, ONE OF THE NEW ROUSTABOUTS THE FIRST MAN EVER TO SHOW HER KIND ATTENTION ...









FRANCINE O'CONNOR WAS GIVEN A TEN-YEAR SENTENCE AND SENT TO WOMEN'S PRISON, WHERE THE TOUGHEST FEMALE GRIMINALS WERE...

THERE'S THE GREEN OKAY!
PIGEON! LET'S
TEACH HER WE'RE
TOW!LOOK
THE IMPORTANT
ONES HERE!
TO YOU!





CRANDALL GOT FROM NOW ON SMACKED BY 124 DO THE THE NEW FISH! BOSSING!

SAY, SHE'S
GOOD!
YOU'LL BOSS
NO ONE,
O'CONNOR!
GET TO WORK!

BUT WITHIN SIX MONTHS, FRANCINE WAS RULING THE INMATES WITH HER IRON FISTS...

HERE YOU ARE, SHE IS, EHP DEARIE! PSSST... SHE'LL CRANDALL'S LEARN TO HOLDING OUT GIVE ME HER ON YOU! QUOTA OF



SHE WAS COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE AND OBEDIENT WITH THE PRISON OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, AND SOON BECAME A TRUSTY IN THE FILE ROOM.

ELLIS, EVELYN... ARMED ROBBERY, ELKINS, ROBERTA... ASSAULT, ELSWORTH, DOROTHY...

MURDER...O'CONNOR. THAT'S ENOUGH CATALOGUING FOR TODAY!















FRANCINE HAD ORGANIZED A GANG! SHE HAD PICKED EACH CRIMINAL EXPERT FROM THOSE FILES IN PRISON... AND MORE! EACH TIME A DESIRED INMATE WAS DISCHARGED, SHE WAS WELCOMED INTO A GROWING MEMBERSHIP OF KILLERS-FEMALE















SO THE "WEAKER SEX" CAME INTO THE FOLD, AND FRANCINE O'CONNOR BECAME EMPRESS



Two YEARS LATER SAW O'CONNOR AND CO. STILL ON TOP! BUT SOMETHING WAS DESTINED TO GIVE...

SOMEONE SQUEALED ABOUT YOUR BEING A JAILBIRD! THE COPS ARE



FRANCINE WAS WELL-PREPARED FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY. SHE RACED THROUGH A SEWER OUTLET TO HER GET-AWAY CAR. BUT FATE HAD ANOTHER PLAN.

HURRY...THEY'RE HA

HALT..OR WE'LL FIRE!











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AND SONNY DID TELL HIS PARENTS, BUT HIS FAMILY KNEW HIM TOO WELL! SO HE DEGIDED TO GET EVEN IN HIS OWN WAY...

YOU SURE... IT'S
THINK
EASY... NOW,
IT'LL WORK?
HERE'S WHAT
I WANT YOU
TO DO...





THE BUTLER WAS BEATEN SO HORRIBLY THAT FOR DAYS HE HOVERED BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. WHEN HE RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY, THE POLICE BROUGHT IN A VISITOR...



THE MATTER WAS HUSHED BY THE TERHUNE FAMILY, BUT THE PASSING YEARS DID NOT ERASE THEIR SON'S VICIOUSNESS...

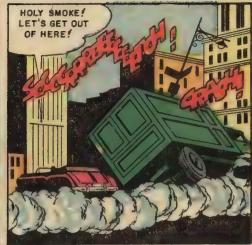
MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN YOUR < POP'S CAR, SONNY!

THE OLD JERK WON'T MIND! GOME ON... LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!



THE CAR PICKED UP SPEED... COMING FROM THE SAME SIDE OF THE STREET WAS A U.S. MAIL TRUCK, SONNY AND HIS WILD FRIENDS DECIDED TO PLAY TAG...





BUT A DOZEN PEDESTRIANS HAD TAKEN DOWN THEIR LICENSE HUMBER! SONNY WAS SENT TO REFORM SCHOOL DESPITE HIS FAMILY'S INFLU-ENGE. THE DRIVER HAD DIED...

THOSE DIRTY BULLS DID THIS TO ME! I'LL.. AH, DRY UP! YOU HAD IT COMING FOR A DUMB



THREE YEARS LATER SONNY WAS DISCHARGED...
HANDSOME, SMART, TOUGHER, HAVING LEARNED NEW
GRIMINAL TECHNIQUES, HE CAME BACK INTO THE
FAMILY FOLD...

SON, IT'S GOOD TO

SAVE IT, MOTHER! I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE!



TERHUNE'S PARENTS STILL HAD FAITH IN HIM. SONNY WAS GROOMED FOR HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS. THINGS WENT SMOOTHLY UNTIL ONE NIGHT....











SO TERHUNE WOUND UP IN PRISON, HE BECAME A REGU-LAR INMATE, MAKING FRIENDS AMONG THE CONS AND LEARNING EVERYTHING THEY KNEW...









AFTER BECOMING THE BEST GUNNER IN HIS OUTFIT, SONNY TERHUNE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN COMBAT!



DISCHARGED, THE OLD CRIMINAL LIFE DREW HIM BACK TO LAW-BREAKING. BUT HIS FINE WAR RECORD DREW HIM ANOTHER PAROLE AFTER A SHORT TIME...

JUST A FEW MORE MONTHS OF REPORTING HERE, SONNY AND YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN! YEAH... THAT'S SWELL!



BUT WHILE ON A TRUCKING JOB FOR A GROCERY FIRM, TERHUNE RAN A NUMBERS RACKET...

HOLD 'ER STEADY, THAT CAR'S FINK, WHILE I TOO CLOSE... TALLY UP THE WATCH OUT!



A LOW-SLUNG LIMOUSINE HAD ALMOST CRASHED INTO THEIR TRUCK!

WHAT'S BUSTER! LAY OFF,
THE ... I'M MONK! SLUGS
BIG GONNA ..! IS WAITING
FOR US!



WE YEAH...! HUMM...THAT'S COULD A NICE — LOOKING DAME. I'VE HEARD OF SLUGS... SLUGS MORELLI...YEAH, FINK, THAT'S A NICE — LOOKING DAME!

TWO DAYS LATER AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF RACKET-EER SLUGS MORELLI...

COME ON, BIG BOY...LET ME IN! I'VE GOT A PROPOSITION FOR WELL...IF IT ISN'T WISE GUY! BOSS, SHALL I...

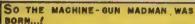




SONNY TALKED FAST ... TEN MINUTES LATER, HE AND THE MORELLI GANG HAD WALKED **DOWN STAIRS** TO THE CELLAR TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO WITH A MACHINE-GUN...









WORD WENT OUT TO THE UNDERWORLD ABOUT THE NEW DIGER SPECIALIST... BUT WORD ALSO HAD REACHED THE AUTHORITIES AND THE PAROLE BOARD...



OUTWARDLY TERHUNE WAS THE PICTURE OF RESPECTIBILITY, BUT HIS CLOTHES AND CAR WERE TOO FLASHY!

YOU'VE GOT ME WRONG! CHECK WITH MY EMPLOYER IF YOU DON'T DID THAT! TERHUNE... ONE FALSE MOVE...



TERHUNE'S CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF WAS BOUND TO GIVE HIM AWAY... PAROLE AGENTS KEPT A CLOSE WATCH ON HIM...

ISN'T THAT TERHUNE ?



THE TWO AGENTS TRACED TERHUNE TO MORELLI'S HIDE-OUT, AND THEN THE ENTIRE GANG TO A GAMBLING CASINO! THEY HAD STUMBLED ONTO A RIVAL GANG RAID!

PHONE IN! CALLING XLB...XLB
WE'RE ON- ...COORDINATES
TO SOMETHING BIG! TWO...

















BUT FATE HAD MEANT FOR SONNY TERNUNE TO DIE, BECAUSE HE NEVER UNDERSTOOD THE SANC-TITY OF HUMAN LIFE! THUS ENDED THE BLOODY SAGA OF THE MACHINE-GUN MADMAN, ANOTHER PAROLE VIOLATOR WHO THOUGHT HE GOULD BEAT THE LAW...



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ALMOST A YEAR LATER, IN APRIL, 1942, PETE PAID FOR HIS CRIMES IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR. LINA GOT LIFE. TODAY SHE SITS IN HER CELL, PAYING WITH EVERY PASSING MOMENT FOR THE TWO BRIEF NIGHTS OF CHEAP THRILLS ...





CLEVELAND'S BUTCHER OF DEATH!

From 1937 to 1939 Cleveland, Ohio, cowered under an onslaught of terror. A bloody killer roamed the Cleveland streets, a murderer who decapitated his victims and cut off their arms and legs with surgical skill!

Every four months another corpse would be found, beheaded and without arms or legs. By the time the toll of victims added up to thirteen public fear bordered on hysteria. That is how matters stood on the June evening in 1939 when private investigator Lawrence "Pat" Lyons paid a visit to the office of Sheriff Martin O'Donnell.

"I've got a theory about the butcher," Lyons told the law officer. "I'd like your permission to do some work on the case."

The Sheriff smiled wryly. "Everybody has a theory," he said.

Lyons leaned forward. "If I had a deputy's badge I think I could bring in your man! There's only one saloon on East 79th Street. Every one of the killings has been done in its vicinity! And 79th Street leads into Kingsbury Run, the stretch of the Cuyahoga River in which most of the bodies have been found floating. It all adds up, to me!"

The sheriff pondered for a moment, and then reached slowly into his drawer for a deputy's badge.

Next morning Pat Lyons set down his nondescript suitcase on the top step of an East 79th Street rooming-house. He was dressed in shabby seaman's costume, and his face was unshaven. He rented a room, told the slatternly landlady that he would stay about a month, and then walked casually out of the house and down the street. He walked past the saloon, and then, almost as if struck by a sudden thirst, turned and went in

On that first day he merely ordered a beer, exchanged a few gruff pleasantries with the bartender, and left. Next day he returned, and the day after that, and soon, via a few rounds of judiciously-bought free drinks, he was an accepted member of the daily group of drinkers.

One by one Pat singled out the habitues of the place, and sent their names to the police for investigation. But by the time three weeks had passed all the "regulars" had been checked, and the Sheriff was growing impatient. Then, on the night of June 20, 1939, as Pat stood at the bar drinking with a "regular" named Frank Dolezal, the break came. A well-knit man came in and ordered a drink, and Pat commented upon his obvious strength.

"I am stronger than he!" said Dolezal. There was something strange in the man's voice that made Pat look at him. Then his flesh began to creep, for the wild look on Dolezal's face spelled madness!

Casually, Lyons steered the topic of conversation towards women. Then he mentioned the name of the Butcher's last known victim. "'Did you know Flo Polillo?" he asked carelessly.

Dolezal set down his beer glass and stared at it. "I remember her," he mumbled. His voice was barely audible. "I remember that one, all right!"

Lyons waited until Dolezal left his building for work next morning, then he entered the strong man's room. Hanging above the kitchen sink was a heavy meat-cleaver and a long, curved butcher's knife. Tingling with excitement; Lyons turned to the janitor.

"I wonder what those are for?" he asked.
"Oh, Frank used to be a butcher," he said
carelessly. "I guess those are his tools."

Frank Dolezal was picked up immediately. Under the police microscopes traces of human blood were found on the butcher knife, and Dolezal confessed to the murder of Flo Polillo, but denied having committed the other twelve slayings.

Police confidently predicted that evidence brought out at his trial would link him with more of the murders. But Dolezal cheated the state. On August 24, 1939, he hanged himself in his cell.

No more grisly torsoes have appeared in Kingsbury Run, and the Cleveland police list the case as officially closed!

Two-Dollar Murder!

Mrs. Ted Grader stood on her porch for a moment, watching the green wheat fields, then she turned resolutely back to the numerous chores which awaited her attention.

Suddenly she stiffened. A farm woman who recognized a shot when she heard it, she had just heard the sound twice, deep and muffled, but carried by the wind from the adjoining farm.

"Wonder what they're shootin' at, this time o' year?" she asked herself. But she believed in minding her own business and she pushed the disturbing question from her mind. About ten minutes later, however, Mrs. Grader heard another noise. This time it came from the bushes right outside her door, a thrashing, frenzied sound. Hurrying outside, the woman saw the helpless, pathetic figure of her neighbor, John McCay, thirty-four, a victim of spastic paralysis. He hadn't been able to walk or talk since a seizure a few' years before, yet he had evidently just crawled over four hundred yards of rugged terrain!

Somethin' must be terribly wrong at the McCay place, Mrs. Grader thought. She dragged the babbling John up to her front porch and then ran wildly across the fields towards the McCay homestead.

Inside the house, Sam McCay, thirty-two, brother of the paralytic John, lay dead not far from the door, face down, a gaping wound between his shoulders. Allen McCay, sixty, father of the two men, lay sprawled on his back staring at the ceiling with sightless eyes. There was a bullet hole just under his heart.

Mrs.Grader ran to the telephone and dialed the number of the Hellman County Sheriff.

Sheriff Roberts realized immediately that the identity of the murderers was locked up in the paralyzed throat of John McCay. Unfortunately, no one could make any sense out of the tortured grunts and squeals which emanated from the man's mouth. It was only when Alice Brigham, John's married sister,

was sent for, that the information was handed over to the sheriff.

One week previous to the day of the murder, Allen McCay had given jobs to two transients. At the end of that week they had appeared in the kitchen of the McCay house and had shot and killed Sam and Allen McCay and looted their_bodies of cash. John had been spared because they considered him harmless.

The local postmaster backed up John's story. Only two days previously, Allen McCay had mailed a letter to Waco City, Texas. When the postmaster had joshingly asked him who he knew there, Allen had replied that he was mailing the letter for one of his new hired men.

Sheriff Roberts immediately phoned the Waco City police. They discovered, upon questioning their postmaster, that someone had been writing Waco City for the past week, using a Kansas return address. The sender of the letters, Tony Johnson by name, had requested relatives that a money order be sent him in care of the local Kansas postmaster. The money order had been sent, but was not due to arrive in Kansas until the following day.

Next day, Roberts and his men stationed themselves inconspicuously around the post office. Around noontime two men approached the postmaster's window. When one of them asked for the money order which had arrived for Tony Johnson, the forces of the law closed in.

They submitted to arrest without resistance, and readily confessed their brutual crime. They had taken nineteen dollars from the pockets of the two corpses. Inasmuch as Allen McKay had owed them fifteen dollars in wages, they had received a "profit" of four dollars, two dollars for each of the bloody killings!

Tony Johnson and Bob Redding, his partner in murder, were tried and convicted in the summer of 1947, and sentenced to life terms at the Kansas State Penetentiary.

Death Comes Laughing























AS HE WAITED IN THE LITTLE



THEN DR. ROLF CAME, AND ...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. WELL, I'M DOC! WHY .. SURE HE'LL WHEN HE LIKE IT HERE, DIES, I'LL MR. JONES! WE'LL DISCUSS BE RICH FOR LIFE ! THIS FURTHER TOMORROW SOUNDS PROMISING! BUT ...





I'M JANICE
GREER! MY
GRANDFATHER'S
HERE... I'M SO
FRIGHTENED! I
WANT TO
TELL YOU...

COUSIN... PETER GREER'S MY
CARTER! AND
THIS IS OUR
GRANDFATHER!

OMING HERE
TO LIVE, YOUNG
WAN?

NO! MY
UNCLE
IS THE
ONE!

I'LL GET



THEN, SUDDENLY, THROUGH THE WINDOW THEY SAW... THAT'S BRINGING IN

DR. ROLF
A COFFIN! SO
AND
MANY PEOPLE
DIE HERE! OH,
INE, THE
HEAD
NURSE.
HERE...TAKE US



YOU OUT OF HERE! TAKE A-12... UPSTAIRS! YOUR GRAND-FATHER!

HE'S IN



SUDDENLY BLAKE'S EARS WERE ROAR-ING, HIS HEAD SPINNING! A QUEER DESIRE TO LAUGH STRUCK HIM! THEN HE HAD AN IDEA, AND...



RACING, POUNDING HEARTS!



THEN BLAKE DASHED DOWN A BACK STAIRCASE INTO THE CELLAR, AND ...



YOU, BUT THE ELECTRIC CHAIR WILL DO IT NEATER!

I OUGHT TO KILL

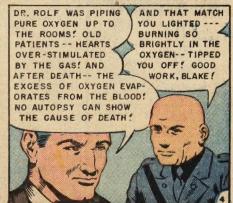
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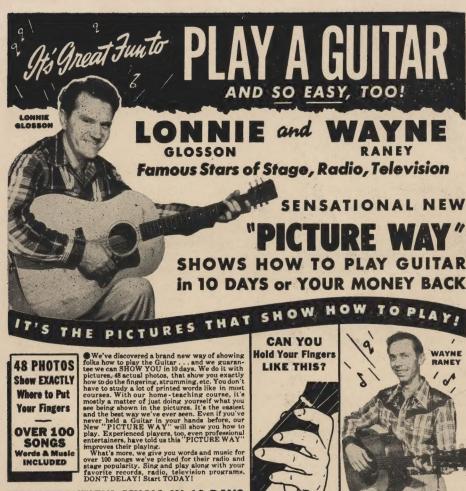
FOR A MOMENT BLAKE DESPERATELY FOUGHT THIS WEIRD ADVERSARY, AND THEN... RED ROLF! SO



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